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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

State Auditor Otto Receives National Leadership Award

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ST. PAUL (6/15/2017) – Minnesota State Auditor Rebecca Otto has been awarded the 2017 William R. Snodgrass Leadership Award by the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NSAA). State Auditor Otto was presented the award by current NSAA President Steven Eells, State Auditor of New Jersey.

The award is given annually by the organization to **“...recognize individuals who have demonstrated sustained outstanding leadership and notable contributions to state government auditing. Award winners must have exhibited long-term leadership in a state auditing environment; distinctive leadership and notable accomplishment in state government auditing; innovative thinking and/or creative development of improvements in state government audit programs or techniques; and, recognized leadership and professionalism at the state level.”**

In announcing the award, the group cited State Auditor Otto’s service to the organization, **“...tackling issues such as government transparency, accountability and the continual efforts by state audit organizations to ensure the efficient and appropriate use of state and federal funds.”** State Auditor Otto has served as president of the NSAA and on the organization’s Executive Committee.

“I am truly honored to be recognized by this nonpartisan national organization,” said State Auditor Otto. **“This is a wonderful acknowledgement of the work our office is doing to provide accountability and transparency to Minnesotans. I share this honor with the dedicated professionals in the Office of the State Auditor, who work tirelessly to oversee more than \$20 billion spent annually by local governments in Minnesota.”**

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In 2014 State Auditor Otto was named one of the Most Influential Professionals in Government Auditing by the American Center for Government Auditing (ACGA). She has also been awarded the NSAA's Excellence in Accountability Award and the President's Award from the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT).

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Minnesota State Auditor Rebecca Otto is presented the 2017 William R. Snodgrass Leadership Award by Steven Eells, President of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers and State Auditor of New Jersey.



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The Office of the State Auditor is a constitutional office that is charged with overseeing more than \$20 billion spent annually by local governments in Minnesota. The Office of the State Auditor does this by performing audits of local government financial statements, and by reviewing documents, data, reports, and complaints reported to the Office. The financial information collected from local governments is analyzed and is the basis of statutory reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor.

Rebecca Otto is Minnesota's 18th State Auditor. A high-resolution official photo is available for download at http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/images/otto_hires.jpg. To learn more about State Auditor Otto, see <http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=bio>.